

**TOWN OF CECILTON**

**Mayor and Council Regular Session Meeting  
Monday March 18, 2019**

The Mayor and Council held a Work Session Meeting in Town Hall on Monday, March 18, 2019. The following were in attendance:

Joseph A. Zang, III, Mayor

Mike Cooper, Member

Craig DeVary, Member

Danielle Zack, Member

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REVIEW AND ACT:**

**Monday, March 4, 2019 Mayor and Council Work Session Meeting Minutes:**

Member Zack made a motion to accept the Monday, March 4, 2019 Work Session Meeting Minutes as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**February Final Financials and Account Balances:**

February Final Financials and Account Balances were presented. Member DeVary made a motion to accept February Final Financials and Account Balances as written. Member Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Cecil County Sheriff Department Contract:** Discussion on the rate increase. Member Zack motioned to accept the Cecil County Sheriff Department Contract with the Town of Cecilton to begin on July 1, 2019. Member DeVary seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mayor Zang signed the contract.

**Cecilton Activity Report:** Discussion of report and new format of activity report. Administrator Cooper asked about update on stabbing in park. Deputy Walmsley said that the last heard was that they will probably not be prosecuted due to lack of cooperation. Administrator Cooper expressed that she has been in contact with Delmarva in the past week and they are putting on the finishing touches on the plan for the lighting for the park.

**Relay for Life:** Mayor and Council decided on a \$100 donation.

**Waste Water Erosion Concerns:** Administrator Cooper explained that Maintenance Personnel Jay Paxson provided an email with some information as well as pictures of areas of concern regarding areas of the waste water facilities. Mayor Zang discussed that is Black Duck Creek which is waters of the US. Anything that is done along the banks of that we will have to have permits from the Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corp of Engineers. Mayor Zang will take a look at it and see what has to be done.

**Charleston MML Dinner:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 at Charleston Fire Hall. If any council members would like to go, they need to let Treasurer Roland know by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Stephen Duphily, Cecilton resident, had questions concerning the Senior Village. "Is it his understanding that the Town is a partner?" Mayor Zang answered, "No."

Mr. Duphily asked if the Town will be selling the property. Mayor Zang said the Town will be selling it.

Mr. Duphily asked for confirmation that there will be a new school built. Mayor Zang explained, "That there will be 20 single apartments/flats and a new Head Start School. The old school will be used until the new school can be built. The old school will be demolished as part of the contract. Then out front where the old school sits will be a retail strip. Right now there is two interested parties to lease two of the three spaces. Again that would not be owned by the town. That will be someone who purchases the highway commercial property from the town and builds the project. As it stands right now."

Mr. Duphily, "The 55 and over is property also being sold by the town?" "Yes"

"The town will have no affiliation with that?" "The only thing the town may do is, getting paid to do some of the mowing out there since we do it for free now."

"Will the town still own the property where the Head Start school is?" "No, that will be purchased. That is going to be subdivided into 4 parcels. 5 total including the Dollar General."

"It will be sold to who, the county?" "The old school will be torn down and the new school will be owned by a company that is going to lease it to MRDC. It will be a nice new school and then it will allow more programs to the area for people that is needed. More educational products and things like that."

"All the property has been basically sold?" "It is in the process. The subdivision has not been recorded. It is in the process of being recorded to break those lots up. The town will retain ownership of the water plant. We don't need to have ownership for anything else. It is land that is not creating income for the town. So at that point it will turn into property tax income and water/sewer revenue. The roads will become part of the town. They will be town streets. The project will eventually will go across and back over behind Rickards street and tie in Rickards street at the corner. That is part of the comprehensive plan."

Mr. Duphily, "When I thought it was partnership, I was thinking why a municipality would be a partner other than giving tax money away." "The reason why you would be a partner is that in some types of government grants the state wants to see the town be a part owner. It could be an half of a percent. So there is very little liability. We did not have to do that because the grants are different. We are looking forward to it. It will be absolutely beautiful."

Mr. Duphily: "There is also going to continue to Frisby Meadows?"  
"The idea is to finish it."

“How many more houses?” “16 (1 shy of the original plan). When the storm water management laws changed it required more storm water management so we had 1 less lot. The same original design that had been improved will continue except with 1 less lot.”

“The town still gets the hookup fees for the 16 homes?” “Correct and all the property tax revenue.”

Mr. Duphily in reference to the Cecil County Sheriff’s Department Contract asked, “I understand that we pay a considerable amount of money for extra police. We are all tax paying people. Why do we pay an additional fees to have police?” “The reason that everybody does.” “Who is everybody?” “All the towns. Chesapeake City pays Maryland State Police. Charlestown pays the sheriff’s department. You would have to take it up with the county executive and the sheriff’s department because there is only so much of their budget they have that they can spend on protection. So we allowed money in our budget to make sure that we have additional protection because we wanted to make sure our citizens are safe. That is exactly how it has always been done.”

The Sheriff’s Crime Report was provided to Mr. Duphily so he could see what time is spent in the town and what calls they respond to.

“With the extra presence what do they do?” “They run radar, do beats, etc.”

Mr. Duphily stated that he rarely sees them run radar down his street. He occasionally sees them but doesn’t use the radar. Traffic goes by fast past his property. Deputies were there 56 hours for the month of February. Mr. Duphily asked, “Can we purchase one of those plywood patrol cars and park it?” Mayor Zang and Administrator Cooper expressed how the town is looking into other things to hinder speeding. Administrator Cooper explained of how the town has been in touch with a company that has a police car that houses a traffic/speed camera. Mayor Zang continued to explain that the speed camera would not cost the town and is not a revenue maker, its purpose is to slow down traffic. We have had some studies done with it and identified 70 some vehicles going 12 miles over the speed limit on 282. Mayor Zang expressed we are trying to do what we can about the problem. Mr. Duphily is concerned about his neighbor’s children running out into the road with people speeding. Expressed that truck traffic also make it a problem. DOT is working on it. Mayor Zang expressed there is a public meeting on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the fire house concerning the 301 traffic.

Mr. Duphily had been on the appeals board about the cell tower. The appeals board turned it down, but the county over rode the decision. Apparently the county is renting out space on our tower. Basically polluting our town/ eye pollution. Other than revenue from business being done by the tower, is this town getting any of the rent that the county is getting? “No” Why is that? “It is not our tower.” “It is in our town.” We do not get anything from what the county has. It is a nontaxable source. If it was a business, then we would get personal property tax from that business. Since it is the county and not a business we cannot get anything. If we would put antennas on our water tower, we could get revenue for that because we own it.

The county can continue to add to that tower, they can only add to what it can take.

Two antennas are for send and receiving for emergency services. Don’t know everything that is on it.

Mr. Duphily says that they are always adding more to it. How can they override what was denied by the town appeals board. Mayor, don’t know I was not hear then. County over road our municipal/zoning appeal. Signals like that are a determinant to our health.

**Good of the Order:**

Thank you notes from St. Paul's Cemetery Committee for the donation on behalf of David Sakers, Deep Roots Letter, and Upper Bay Counseling Service fundraiser drive were shared.

Letter from Mr. Perry L. Jones, Jr., requesting votes for his run for president of Maryland Municipal League was shared.

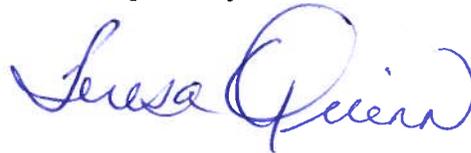
ALICE Training: Staff had the training last Thursday. Administrator Cooper highly recommends going through the training. Mayor and Council may want to consider the training. Provided good insight and good skills in what to do in an active shooter situation.

Earth Day: Scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Joseph A. Zang, III  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



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